

(2.5) Verifying Properties of Geometric Figures

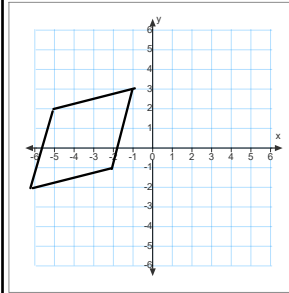
Use the properties of lines and line segments to verify properties of figures drawn on a coordinate grid.

Hints:

- Midpoint formula determines whether a point bisects a line segment
- Length formula calculates lengths of sides so they can be compared
- Slope formula determines whether sides are parallel (slopes equal), perpendicular (slopes negative reciprocals), or neither

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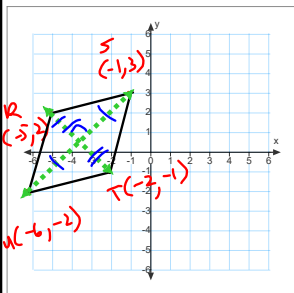


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perpendicular
-ve rec
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distance

Slopes

RT

US

$$R(-5,2) \quad T(-2,-1) \quad U(-6,-2) \quad S(-1,3)$$

$$x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2 \quad x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$$

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$= \frac{-1 - 2}{-2 - (-5)}$$

$$= \frac{-3}{-3} \Rightarrow -1$$

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$= \frac{3 - (-2)}{-1 - (-6)}$$

$$= \frac{5}{5} \Rightarrow +1$$

Therefore the slopes of the diagonals are perpendicular because the slopes

are -ve reciprocals

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RT US

$$R(-5,2) \quad T(-2,-1) \quad U(-6,-2) \quad S(-1,3)$$

$$x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2 \quad x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$$

$m = -1$ $m = +1$

Eqn of RT $R(-5,2)$ $Eqn of US$ $U(-6,-2)$

$$y = -1x + b$$

$$y = +1x + b$$

$$2 = -1(-5) + b$$

$$-2 = +1(-6) + b$$

$$2 = +5 + b$$

$$-2 = -6 + b$$

$$2 - 5 = b$$

$$-2 + 6 = b$$

$$-3 = b$$

$$+4 = b$$

RT $y = -1x - 3$ US $y = +1x + 4$

$$y_1 = y_2$$

$$-1x - 3 = +1x + 4$$

$$-3 - 4 = +1x + 1x$$

$$-7 = 2x$$

$$x = \frac{-7}{2}$$

$$y_2 = -\frac{7}{2} + 4$$

$$y_2 = -\frac{7}{2} + \frac{8}{2}$$

$$y_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

POI $(-\frac{7}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ $y_2 = +\frac{1}{2}$

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RT US

$$R(-5,2) \quad T(-2,-1) \quad U(-6,-2) \quad S(-1,3)$$

$$x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2 \quad x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$$

Midpoint

$$M_x = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \quad M_y = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$$

$$M_x = \frac{-5 + (-2)}{2}, \quad M_y = \frac{2 + (-1)}{2}$$

$$M_x = \frac{-7}{2}, \quad M_y = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$M_x = \frac{-6 + (-1)}{2}, \quad M_y = \frac{-2 + 3}{2}$$

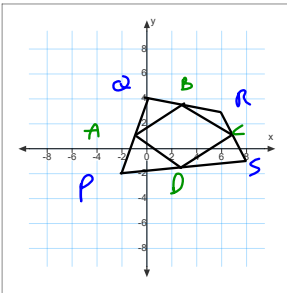
$$M_x = \frac{-7}{2}, \quad M_y = \frac{1}{2}$$

POI is same as midpoints of RT and US. Therefore they bisect each diagonal

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Example 2:

Show that the midsegments of a quadrilateral with vertices at $P(-2,-2)$, $Q(0,4)$, $R(6,3)$, and $S(8,-1)$ form a rhombus.



midpoints
distance of
all midsegments
slopes of midsegments

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$P(-2,-2)$, $Q(0,4)$, $R(6,3)$, and $S(8,-1)$

Midpoint PQ

$$\frac{-2+0}{2}, \frac{-2+4}{2}$$

$$\frac{-2}{2}, \frac{+2}{2}$$

$$(-1, +1)$$

Midpoint RS

$$\frac{6+8}{2}, \frac{3+(-1)}{2}$$

$$\frac{14}{2}, \frac{2}{2}$$

$$(7, 1)$$

Midpoint QR

$$\frac{0+6}{2}, \frac{4+3}{2}$$

$$\frac{6}{2}, \frac{7}{2}$$

$$(3, \frac{7}{2})$$

Midpoint SP

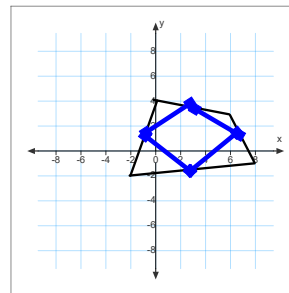
$$\frac{8+(-2)}{2}, \frac{-1+(-1)}{2}$$

$$\frac{6}{2}, \frac{-2}{2}$$

$$(3, -\frac{3}{2})$$

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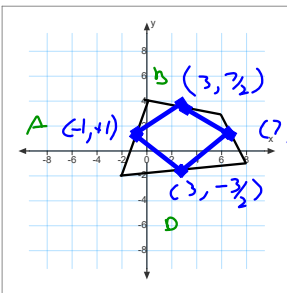


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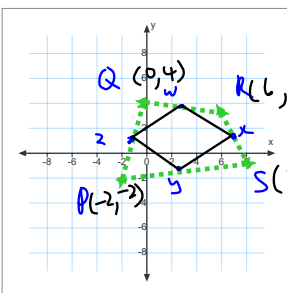


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$$w(3, \frac{7}{2}), x(7, 1), y(3, -\frac{3}{2}), z(-1, 1)$$

$$d = \sqrt{(7-3)^2 + (1-(-\frac{3}{2}))^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(2.5)^2 + (4)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{6.25 + 16}$$

$$d = \sqrt{22.25}$$

$$d = 4.7$$

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$$d = \sqrt{4^2 + 2.5^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{16 + 6.25}$$

$$d = \sqrt{22.25}$$

$$d = 4.7$$

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$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{2w} \quad \text{vs} \quad \text{y2} \\
 (-1, 1) \quad (3, \frac{7}{2}) \quad (3, -\frac{3}{2}) \quad (7, 1) \\
 x_1, y_1 \quad x_2, y_2 \quad x_1, y_1 \quad x_2, y_2 \\
 m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \quad m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \\
 = \frac{3.5 - 1}{3 - -1} \quad = \frac{1 - -1.5}{7 - 3} \\
 = \frac{2.5}{4} \quad = \frac{2.5}{4} \\
 = \frac{5}{8} \quad = \frac{5}{8}
 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{wx vs 2y} \\
 (3, 3.5) \quad (7, 1) \quad (3, -\frac{3}{2}) \quad (-1, 1) \\
 x_1, y_1 \quad x_2, y_2 \quad x_1, y_1 \quad x_2, y_2 \\
 m_{wx} = \frac{1 - 3.5}{7 - 3} = \frac{-2.5}{4} = -\frac{5}{8} \\
 m_{2y} = \frac{-1.5 - 1}{3 - -1} = \frac{-2.5}{4} = -\frac{5}{8} \\
 \therefore \text{slopes of opposite sides are equal and therefore parallel} \\
 \text{slopes are not -ve reciprocals so the shape is a rhombus not a square}
 \end{array}$$

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